



AF/2112
zfw

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: NGUYEN, et al.

Application No.: 09/618,365

Filed: July 18, 2000

Title: CONFIGURABLE COMMUNICATION
BOARD FOR A GAMING MACHINE

Attorney Docket No.: IGT1P022

Examiner: Huynh, Kim T.

Group: 2112

Confirmation No.: 8884

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first-class mail on April 4, 2005 in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Signed: _____

Susan W. Xu
Susan W. Xu

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

04/18/2005 DHALL1 00000001 500388 09618365
01 FC:1253 1020.00 DA

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed October 4, 2004 finally rejecting Claims 1-13, 29-30 and 32-50.

Per 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b), the fee for this Notice is believed to be \$500 for a large entity.

Check No. 25953 for this amount is enclosed.

A Final Office Action was mailed on October 4, 2004, and a Response was timely filed within the two-month period thereafter. To date, no Advisory Action has been received. Accordingly, it is believed that no extension of time is necessary. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that such a petition and fee for extension of time is actually necessary.

06/2005 EAREDAY1 00000041 09618365

FC:1401 500.00 OP

Adjustment IGT1P022
date: 06/15/2005 SDIRETA1
04/18/2005 DHALL1 00000001 500388 09618365
01 FC:1253 1020.00 CR

1 of 2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: NGUYEN, et al.

Application No.: 09/618,365

Filed: July 18, 2000

Title: CONFIGURABLE COMMUNICATION
BOARD FOR A GAMING MACHINE

Attorney Docket No.: IGT1P022

Examiner: Huynh, Kim T.

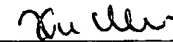
Group: 2112

Confirmation No.: 8884

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first-class mail on May 6, 2005 in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Signed: _____


Susan W. Xu

**REQUEST FOR REFUND
(IMPROPER CHARGE OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT)**

Mail Stop 16
Director of the US patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I. REFUND REQUEST

This is a request for a refund of \$1020 for the charge made against Deposit Account No. 50-0388 on April 18, 2005 for the above-identified patent application (Control No. IGT1P022). A copy of the monthly statement in which the referred error occurs accompanies this request.

II. FEES CHARGED FOR WHICH REFUND IS REQUESTED

04/18 1 09618356 IGT1P022 1253 **\$1,020.00** \$33,593.00

III. EXPLANATION OF WHY CONTESTED CHARGE IS IN ERROR

A Final Office Action for the above-identified patent application was mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") on October 4, 2004. 37 CFR §1.7(a) states, "When the day, or the last day fixed by statute or by or under this part for taking any

action or paying any fee in the United States Patent and Trademark Office falls on Saturday, Sunday, or on a Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken, or the fee paid, on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday." Although December 4, 2004 is exactly two months after the mailing date of the Final Office Action, this date fell on a Saturday, with the next succeeding business day being Monday, December 6, 2004. An appropriate Response to the Final Office Action was filed on Monday, December 6, 2004. Accordingly, this Response was timely filed within the two-month period after the mailing of the Final Office Action.

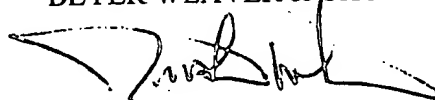
When an appropriate Response is filed "within two months of the date of a Final Office Action, the shortened statutory period will expire at 3 months from the date of the final rejection *or on the date the advisory action is mailed, whichever is later.*" See, e.g., MPEP 706.07(f). The first and only Advisory Action to Applicants' Response of December 6, 2004 was mailed from the USPTO on April 6, 2005, resulting in a shortened statutory period that expired on April 6, 2005. An appropriate Notice of Appeal was filed by Applicants on April 4, 2005, which was prior to the mailing date of this April 6 Advisory Action. Accordingly, no extension of time should have been necessary when the Notice of Appeal was filed on April 4, 2005.

Nevertheless, the USPTO has billed deposit account 50-0388 for a three month Extension of Time to Respond in this matter, which is not appropriate for at least the reasons given above.

IV. MANNER OF REFUND

Please process a refund of \$1,020.00 by crediting Account No. 50-0388 for this amount.

Respectfully submitted,
BEYER WEAVER & THOMAS, LLP



Justin A. White
Registration No. 48,883

P.O. Box 70250
Oakland, CA 94612-0250
(650) 961-8300



**United States
Patent and
Trademark Office**



Deposit Account Statement

Requested Statement Month: April 2005
Deposit Account Number: 500388
Name: BEYER, WEAVER & THOMAS LLP
Attention: ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT
Address: 590 W. EL CAMINO REAL
City: MOUNTAIN VIEW
State: CA
Zip: 94040
Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DATE	SEQ	POSTING REF TXT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NBR	FEE CODE	AMT	BAL
04/01	3	PCT/US04/18173		9204	-\$12.00	\$23,774.00
04/01	6	09874587	CISCP249/414	1201	\$800.00	\$22,974.00
04/01	7	09338286	007722-02980	1401	\$500.00	\$22,474.00
04/01	8	09338286	007722-02980	1251	\$120.00	\$22,354.00
04/01	26	10370279	UDL1P081	2201	\$200.00	\$22,154.00
04/01	27	10370279	UDL1P081	2251	\$60.00	\$22,094.00
04/05	1	09805816	DEPYP010C1	1252	\$450.00	\$21,644.00
04/05	285	11010199	NMCIP049	8021	\$40.00	\$21,604.00
04/05	286	10490317	MES1P085	8021	\$40.00	\$21,564.00
04/05	293	D456952	MES1D001	8021	\$40.00	\$21,524.00
04/05	294	6012863	MES1P028	8021	\$40.00	\$21,484.00
04/05	297	6022160	MES1P028D1	8021	\$40.00	\$21,444.00
04/06	1	10286574	ALPSP097	1251	\$110.00	\$21,334.00
04/06	2	10286574	ALPSP097	1801	\$770.00	\$20,564.00
04/06	5	6315479		8021	\$40.00	\$20,524.00
04/06	83	10483022	FINDP003	8021	\$40.00	\$20,484.00
04/06	88	60637071	FINDP006P	8021	\$40.00	\$20,444.00
04/06	323	0127660456	ANDIP008.CN	8014	\$25.00	\$20,419.00
04/07	1	10305630	ALPS100	1251	\$110.00	\$20,309.00
04/07	4	PAYMENT		9203	-\$20,000.00	\$40,309.00
04/07	5	10187343	IGT1P067P552	1252	\$450.00	\$39,859.00
04/07	7	09665717	423428002US	2202	\$63.00	\$39,796.00
04/07	100	76554334	KABAT009	6003	\$100.00	\$39,696.00
04/07	255	10439629		8021	\$40.00	\$39,656.00
04/07	274	10440286		8021	\$40.00	\$39,616.00
04/07	298	10414830	NAVIP004X2	8021	\$40.00	\$39,576.00
04/07	317	10414817		8021	\$40.00	\$39,536.00

Deposit Account Statement

04/08 7	PAYMENT		9203	-\$20,000.00	\$59,536.00
04/08 10	10327358	ALPSP104	1251	\$120.00	\$59,416.00
04/08 42	PAYMENT		9203	\$20,000.00	\$39,416.00
04/08 150	60616082		8021	\$40.00	\$39,376.00
04/08 164	60615314	GCENP012P	8021	\$40.00	\$39,336.00
04/11 8	11028995	TI-3379.1	1201	\$200.00	\$39,136.00
04/12 1	09333591	SUN1P367/P41	1806	\$180.00	\$38,956.00
04/12 28	11028995	TI-3379.1	1201	-\$200.00	\$39,156.00
04/12 30	11078995		9204	-\$600.00	\$39,756.00
04/12 286	10990937		8021	\$40.00	\$39,716.00
04/13 3	10881060		1814	\$130.00	\$39,586.00
04/13 4	10881060		1201	\$1,000.00	\$38,586.00
04/13 5	10881060		1202	\$400.00	\$38,186.00
04/13 8	09808694	AUD1P005	8021	\$40.00	\$38,146.00
04/13 37	10907698	SUN1P804C1	1011	\$300.00	\$37,846.00
04/13 38	10907698	SUN1P804C1	1311	\$200.00	\$37,646.00
04/13 39	10907698	SUN1P804C1	1111	\$500.00	\$37,146.00
04/13 54	11095949	ALTRP140	8021	\$40.00	\$37,106.00
04/13 105	0135130863	LAM1P168.CN TJS	8014	\$25.00	\$37,081.00
04/14 1	10012751	APL1P197D2/P	1202	\$198.00	\$36,883.00
04/14 3	10685755	KASAP010D1	1252	\$450.00	\$36,433.00
04/14 4	09389915	APL1P193/P23	1201	\$200.00	\$36,233.00
04/14 15	P110389		1463	\$200.00	\$36,033.00
04/14 86	11056739	OMRNP100	1111	\$300.00	\$35,733.00
04/14 88	11056739	OMRNP100	1311	\$200.00	\$35,533.00
04/14 89	11056739	OMRNP100	1051	\$130.00	\$35,403.00
04/14 244	0133030254	CISCP300.CN	8014	\$25.00	\$35,378.00
04/14 343	11104140	CISCP427/10540	1201	\$200.00	\$35,178.00
04/14 600	09611474		8021	\$40.00	\$35,138.00
04/14 613	60554258	QLTIP012P	8021	\$40.00	\$35,098.00
04/15 50	09677711	CDTP004C1	2801	\$340.00	\$34,758.00
04/15 50	PCT/US02/05266		9204	-\$15.00	\$34,773.00
04/15 59	11040180	APDSP009	8021	\$40.00	\$34,733.00
04/15 298	10997324		8021	\$40.00	\$34,693.00
04/15 299	10934822		8021	\$40.00	\$34,653.00
04/15 301	10933707		8021	\$40.00	\$34,613.00
04/18 1	09618365	IGT1P022	1253	\$1,020.00	\$33,593.00
04/18 2	10470525	MES1P082	1202	\$500.00	\$33,093.00
04/18 3	10470525	MES1P082	1251	\$120.00	\$32,973.00
04/18 4	10377679	ALPSP110	1251	\$120.00	\$32,853.00
04/18 9	09962839	MES1P051	1801	\$790.00	\$32,063.00
04/18 10	10080913	NSC1P131X1	1806	\$180.00	\$31,883.00
04/18 37	11031547	APL1P374	8021	\$40.00	\$31,843.00
04/18 133	10868169	GENSP121	8013	\$25.00	\$31,818.00
04/18 134	10868169	GENSP121	8024	\$40.00	\$31,778.00
04/18 151	60532427	GENSP118P	8013	\$25.00	\$31,753.00
04/18 152	60532427	GENSP118P	8024	\$40.00	\$31,713.00
04/18 164	60538985	GENSP174P	8013	\$25.00	\$31,688.00

04/18 165	60538985	GENSP174P	8024	\$40.00	\$31,648.00
04/18 173	11027480		1251	\$10.00	\$31,638.00
04/18 189	10226619	GENSP008	1806	\$180.00	\$31,458.00
04/18 383	0158920702		8014	\$50.00	\$31,408.00
04/19 3	09107230	CISCP047	1251	\$120.00	\$31,288.00
04/19 5	10640699	GENSP032C1	1814	\$130.00	\$31,158.00
04/19 6	29220120	APLID359B	1012	\$200.00	\$30,958.00
04/19 7	29220120	APLID359B	1051	\$130.00	\$30,828.00
04/19 7	10718987	KASAP042	1251	\$120.00	\$30,708.00
04/19 8	29220120	APLID359B	1112	\$100.00	\$30,608.00
04/19 9	29220120	APLID359B	1312	\$130.00	\$30,478.00
04/19 10	29220120	APLID359B	1251	\$120.00	\$30,358.00
04/19 69	10985688	GENSP177	8021	\$40.00	\$30,318.00
04/19 87	10832838	GENSP118	8021	\$40.00	\$30,278.00
04/19 370	10291181		8021	\$40.00	\$30,238.00
04/20 1	10060712	APL1P234P1	1806	\$180.00	\$30,058.00
04/20 2	10256716	APL1P223/272	1251	\$120.00	\$29,938.00
04/20 3	PCT/US05/09096		9204	-\$700.00	\$30,638.00
04/20 88	2909084		8521	\$40.00	\$30,598.00
04/20 103	11021558	NOVLP117/NVLS-2977	1202	\$10.00	\$30,588.00
04/20 138	10977352		8021	\$40.00	\$30,548.00
04/20 151	10407136	BIZBPG000	8021	\$40.00	\$30,508.00
04/20 152	10642363	BIZBPG000	8021	\$40.00	\$30,468.00
04/20 153	10883482	BIZBPG000	8021	\$40.00	\$30,428.00
04/20 159	10883482		8021	\$40.00	\$30,388.00
04/21 1	10463742	SDK1P016/446	1806	\$180.00	\$30,208.00
04/21 4	10640699	GENSP032C1	1201	\$200.00	\$30,008.00
04/22 1	09939325	03660.P001X	1814	\$130.00	\$29,878.00
04/22 12	10281424	FULCP002D1	1806	\$180.00	\$29,698.00
04/22 13	10212574	FULCP002	1806	\$180.00	\$29,518.00
04/22 51	10832838	GENSP118	8021	\$40.00	\$29,478.00
04/22 74	11006294		8021	\$40.00	\$29,438.00
04/22 318	0148490935	ANDIP002.CN	8014	\$25.00	\$29,413.00
04/25 3	10799403	APL1P302/P3262	1251	\$120.00	\$29,293.00
04/25 4	10799403	APL1P302/P3262	1201	\$200.00	\$29,093.00
04/25 5	10799403	APL1P302/P3262	1202	\$150.00	\$28,943.00
04/25 5	09819152	IGT1P026/P	1251	\$120.00	\$28,823.00
04/25 9	10685755	KASAP010D1	1801	\$790.00	\$28,033.00
04/25 9	10226432	GENSP007	1806	\$180.00	\$27,853.00
04/25 21	11009672		9204	-\$500.00	\$28,353.00
04/26 1	10423153		1251	\$120.00	\$28,233.00
04/26 6	10378020	IGTP029C1/P-	1251	\$120.00	\$28,113.00
04/26 7	10378020	IGTP029C1/P-	1202	\$100.00	\$28,013.00
04/26 73	0134270435	CISC312.CN	8014	\$25.00	\$27,988.00
04/26 87	10045514	SUN1P510/P63	8001	\$9.00	\$27,979.00
04/26 135	10820343	WJCMP011X1	8021	\$40.00	\$27,939.00
04/26 267	0147700294	WJCMP011X1	8014	\$25.00	\$27,914.00
04/26 458	10986739	NSC1P327	8021	\$40.00	\$27,874.00

04/27 1	10315340	KLA1P084/AP1	1201	\$600.00	\$27,274.00
04/27 3	10621035	NSC1P271/P05589	1202	\$50.00	\$27,224.00
04/27 8	09833386	CISCP225	1201	\$1,000.00	\$26,224.00
04/28 1	10241398	IGTECH.0042P	1251	\$120.00	\$26,104.00
04/28 4	10100288	514292000400	2251	\$60.00	\$26,044.00
04/28 7	09919743	SUN1P832/P62	1814	\$130.00	\$25,914.00
04/28 11	09870881	NIKOP002	1252	\$450.00	\$25,464.00
04/28 94	10220647	SCHPP027	1801	\$790.00	\$24,674.00
04/28 95	10220647	SCHPP027	1252	\$450.00	\$24,224.00
04/28 108	11039639		8021	\$40.00	\$24,184.00
04/28 112	11027712	OMRNP093	8021	\$40.00	\$24,144.00
04/29 2	10732012	KASAP043	1251	\$120.00	\$24,024.00
04/29 3	10674664	IGT1P024C/P247CON	1252	\$450.00	\$23,574.00
04/29 16	PCT/US05/11641		9204	-\$1,000.00	\$24,574.00
04/29 17	PCT/US05/11641	WCJM011X1WO	1603	\$300.00	\$24,274.00
04/29 47	10114006	IGT1P057/P-4	1801	\$790.00	\$23,484.00
04/29 48	10114006	IGT1P057/P-4	1251	\$120.00	\$23,364.00
04/29 69	09568795	CISCP132/184	1801	\$790.00	\$22,574.00
04/29 87	10176449	VISAP048C1/P	1814	\$130.00	\$22,444.00
04/29 236	10976188		8021	\$40.00	\$22,404.00
04/29 307	6426165		8021	\$40.00	\$22,364.00
04/29 311	6379842		8021	\$40.00	\$22,324.00
04/29 312	6007947	POLYP009A	8021	\$40.00	\$22,284.00
04/29 314	5783333	POLYP009	8021	\$40.00	\$22,244.00
04/29 316	5609972	POLYP008	8021	\$40.00	\$22,204.00
04/29 562	78619357	NXTGT006	7001	\$325.00	\$21,879.00

START	SUM OF	SUM OF	END
BALANCE	CHARGES	REPLENISH	BALANCE
\$23,762.00	\$44,910.00	\$43,027.00	\$21,879.00

[Need Help?](#) | [USPTO Home Page](#) | [Finance Online Shopping Page](#)